

I oppose loosening the rules designed to promote and protect diversity of media ownership. These rules were adopted to ensure that the public would receive a diverse range of viewpoints from the media, and not simply the opinions of a handful of media conglomerates. The cable ownership

cap is a crucial element of our democratic media, and it should not be weakened.

These rules are particularly important to protecting opportunities for competition and innovation on the Internet. Cable networks service the majority of broadband Internet subscribers, and will likely continue to do so. In the absence of open access rules for cable networks, the removal of ownership limits will lead to monopolistic conditions in the cable broadband industry, potentially eliminating competition amongst Internet service providers, and limiting consumer choice.